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Trump impeached

Divided House advances articles for only 3rd time in American history

45th president joins Clinton, Johnson as process now shifts to Senate for trial

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President Donald Trump arrives at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland to board Air Force One as he makes his way Wednesday to a campaign rally in Battle Creek, Mich.

By Lisa Mascaro and Mary Clare Jalonick | Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House voted Wednesday night to impeach President Donald Trump on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress for enlisting a foreign ally to investigate a political rival ahead of the 2020 election and later stonewalling Congress.

Trump became the third president in American history to be impeached, and the only one in modern times to be running for reelection facing the political equivalent of an indictment, an indelible mark on a disruptive presidency.

Democrats led the voting on the first article of impeachment, abuse of power, and approved another, obstruction of Congress, in what many framed as their duty to protect the Constitution to uphold the nation's system of checks and balances.

The House voted 230-197-1 on abuse of power. Two Democrats voted against: Rep. Jeff Van Drew of New Jersey and Rep. Collin Peterson of Minnesota. Those two lawmakers and freshman Democratic Rep. Jared Golden of Maine also voted against obstruction of Congress. That vote was 229-198-1.

Republicans stood beside the party's president who tests the bounds of civic norms calling the whole affair a "witch hunt," a "hoax" and a "sham," and sometimes all three.

The articles of impeachment, the political equivalent of an indictment, now go to the Senate for trial. If Trump is acquitted by the Republican-led chamber, as expected, he would have to run for reelection carrying the enduring mark of impeachment.

The trial is expected to begin in January in the Senate, where a vote of two-thirds is necessary for conviction. While Democrats had the majority in the House to impeach Trump, Republicans control the Senate and few if any are expected to diverge from plans to

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Speaker Nancy Pelosi presides over House debate and consideration of articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump.

Black aldermen's attempt to delay pot sales till July fails

Recreational use will be legal Jan. 1 after fiery council debate

By John Byrne, Lolly Bowean, Gregory Pratt and Dan Petrella

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Ald. Michael Scott Jr., 24th, said the Black Caucus managed to get some changes made.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Wednesday beat back an attempt by black aldermen to stall the start of recreational marijuana sales in Chicago for six months, setting the stage for the city's legal weed bonanza to start Jan. 1.

The mayor emerged with a big legislative win after hours of intense, often heated public debate on the City Council floor about the need for more African Americans among the ranks of owners in what promises to be a lucrative industry.

Black aldermen who tried unsuccessfully to push the start

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Long sentences in slaying of child

Two reputed gang members were given sentences that would effectively keep them in prison for the rest of their lives in the slaying of 9-year-old Tyshawn Lee.
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Holidays perilous for Bulls coaches

Since Phil Jackson stepped away, the Bulls have had eight full-time coaches, and four of them have parted ways with the team in the months of November and December. **Chicago Sports**

Gaming Board takes aim at owner's video gambling rights

He allegedly offered $5M 'inducement' to betting parlor chain

By David Heinzmann

The Illinois Gaming Board has moved to strip video gambling operator Rick Heidner of his license after accusing him of offering a $5 million "illegal inducement" to the owner of a chain of gambling parlors, records show.

The state disciplinary action centers on a deal in which Heidner's Gold Rush Gaming stood to have its gambling machines taken out of 44 spots owned by Laredo Hospitality Ventures, according to the Gaming Board complaint.

Heidner got the bad news during a Nov. 16, 2018, meeting at a Rosemont steakhouse with Laredo's CEO. The executive told Heidner that after a recent ownership change, Laredo would be severing its relationship with Gold Rush, according to the complaint.

"Termination of the (Gold Rush)-Laredo use agreements would result in a significant loss of revenue for (Gold Rush)," Gaming Board officials alleged in the complaint.

About two weeks later, Heidner met with Laredo's new owner, gambling cafe operator Daniel Fischer, at a Norridge pancake house and offered to arrange the sale of Laredo for $5

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